CHILDREN'S right to protection
ABOUT CBSS

Established in 1992, the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) is a political forum for regional inter-governmental cooperation and dialogue.

The member states of the CBSS are Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, as well as the European Union.

ABOUT CHILDREN AT RISK

Promoting the well-being of children strengthens the sustainability, safety and security of the Baltic Sea Region. For more than 20 years Member States of the CBSS have addressed challenges and shared knowledge, models and good practices to support the rights of children to protection from abuse, exploitation, trafficking and violence with the CBSS Expert Group on Children at Risk as the hub of cooperation. The Expert Group bases its work on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

PRIORITIES

Prevention, early intervention, parenting and family support

Protecting children from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation

The well-being and best interests of children in alternative care

Preventing trafficking and exploitation of children

The best interests of children in migration

Child-friendly justice
BALTIC SEA REGION - NO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ZONE

The Baltic Sea Region is a model and a pioneer region at the global level, as 10 out of 11 countries have prohibited corporal punishment by law. The CBSS is putting its efforts to bringing this ban from law in to practice – making non-violent childhoods a reality.

IMPROVED SERVICES FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

By the end of 2019, around 20 countries in Europe will have one or more Barnahus or similar setup for working together in the best interests of the child. Barnahus is a multi-agency centre, ensuring that child victims and witnesses of violence can disclose their experiences and receive appropriate assessment and rapid access to justice and support.

STEPPING UP MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

Many children who are trafficked were previously victims of violence, exploitation and neglect without receiving protection. CBSS therefore promotes a reorientation of action, where addressing violence and exploitation of children in all its forms becomes a first step to prevent and identify child victims of trafficking. Communication with children is key to assess the risk factors and the situation of the child.
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